

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 60 (MC2013-54)
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2013-70

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF**
(September 1, 2016)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for temporary relief to allow the existing contract in this docket to remain in effect for fifteen (15) additional days, or until the Commission has approved the successor contract. The customer whose competitive product rates were established in this docket wishes to renew its commitment to sending large volumes of Priority Mail for the next year at negotiated rates. By the terms of the contract filed in this docket, and pursuant to Commission Order Nos. 3392 and 3455, the current rates will expire on September 8, 2016.

The Postal Service and the customer both signed the successor contract approximately two weeks ago, and the parties intended to have the successor contract take effect prior to the expiration date of the existing contract in this docket. However, the successor contract has not yet cleared final financial review and certification by the Postal Service, preventing it from being filed with the Commission. Nevertheless, the Postal Service expects the financial review process to be completed tomorrow, September 2, 2016, and intends to file the successor contract with the Commission immediately thereafter.

Therefore, the Postal Service respectfully requests that the Commission grant a fifteen (15) day extension to allow the existing contract to remain in effect, or until such time as the successor contract has been approved by the Commission. Thus, the proposed extension would only last for a finite and relatively short period of time. In conclusion, for the reasons discussed above, and in consideration of the customers' business continuity, the Postal Service hereby moves for temporary relief to allow the existing contract to remain on the competitive products list for fifteen additional days.

Respectfully submitted,

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